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FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION TOPS \$114 MILLION FOR 1985

More than \$114 million in Federal aid funds for sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety projects has been made available to the 50 States, five Territories, and the District of Columbia for 1985, the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

Of the 1985 funds, \$35,060,000 is for fish restoration, \$64,910,000 is for wildlife restoration and \$14,190,000 is for hunter safety programs.

Excise taxes on certain types of sporting equipment are distributed by the Federal Government to the individual State fish and game agencies under two long-standing Federal aid programs commonly known as the "Dingell-Johnson" and "Pittman-Robertson" programs, after their Congressional sponsors.

A preliminary apportionment for 1985 of \$92.1 million was made in October 1984, followed by today's announcement of an additional \$22,060,000, which rounds out the 1985 total at \$114,160,000. Apportionments are usually made in two installments each year, as tax receipts are tallied and released by the U.S. Treasury Department. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allocates these receipts among the States and Territories based on financial formulas that reflect their land and water acreage and their populations of licensed anglers and hunters.

The recipients are allowed considerable freedom to use Federal aid money to address projects of local or regional priority. Last year, for example, Kentucky used excise tax receipts to investigate the incidence of fish kills and fish disease problems in area streams, while Montana studied the impacts of oil and gas exploration on deer, bighorn sheep, and elk populations. Minnesota developed four new public fishing/boat launching facilities, and Nebraska invested in wetlands for wildlife production and public hunting. California studied ways to increase the size of angler-caught striped bass, while Ohio surveyed the harvest of upland wildlife and furbearers.

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Funds for fish restoration come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of funds is based on land and water area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters, and the number of fishing license holders.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11 percent tax on certain archery equipment. The distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on land area and hunting license holders, while hunter safety funds are based on the relative populations of the States. They are allowed the option, however, of using hunter safety funds for wildlife restoration projects.

The attached tables show the distribution of 1985 funds, by State.

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"Dingell-Johnson"
Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration
Fiscal Year 1985

Alabama	\$ 586,708
Alaska	1,753,000
Arizona	742,235
Arkansas	608,491
California	1,753,000
Colorado	871,625
Connecticut	350,600
Delaware	350,600
Florida	729,253
Georgia	675,433
Hawaii	350,600
Idaho	602,397
Illinois	723,117
Indiana	569,105
Iowa	527,218
Kansas	534,014
Kentucky	578,430
Louisiana	561,702
Maine	350,600
Maryland	350,600
Massachusetts	350,600
Michigan	1,282,344
Minnesota	1,366,527
Mississippi	477,448
Missouri	895,896
Montana	804,573
Nebraska	457,062
Nevada	542,925
New Hampshire	350,600
New Jersey	350,600
New Mexico	634,616
New York	822,593
North Carolina	533,048
North Dakota	394,365
Ohio	857,348
Oklahoma	703,834
Oregon	844,627
Pennsylvania	909,973
Rhode Island	350,600
South Carolina	404,734
South Dakota	430,154
Tennessee	619,569
Texas	1,753,000
Utah	573,216
Vermont	350,600
Virginia	519,251
Washington	830,771
West Virginia	350,600
Wisconsin	1,244,985
Wyoming	549,878
Puerto Rico	350,600
Guam	116,867
Virgin Islands	116,867
American Samoa	116,867
No. Mariana Islands	116,867
District of Columbia	116,867
Total	\$ 35,060,000

"Pittman-Robertson"
Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration
Fiscal Year 1985

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,063,925	\$ 343,590	\$ 1,407,515
Alaska	3,245,500	141,900	3,387,400
Arizona	1,506,603	240,056	1,746,659
Arkansas	1,170,673	201,868	1,372,541
California	2,591,052	425,700	3,016,752
Colorado	1,730,171	255,157	1,985,328
Connecticut	324,550	274,477	599,027
Delaware	324,550	141,900	466,450
Florida	1,077,060	425,700	1,502,760
Georgia	1,291,632	425,700	1,717,332
Hawaii	324,550	141,900	466,450
Idaho	1,316,252	141,900	1,458,152
Illinois	1,188,968	425,700	1,614,668
Indiana	1,003,044	425,700	1,428,744
Iowa	1,088,597	257,325	1,345,922
Kansas	1,311,867	208,731	1,520,598
Kentucky	999,377	323,396	1,322,773
Louisiana	1,266,396	371,316	1,637,712
Maine	789,751	141,900	931,651
Maryland	433,698	372,418	806,116
Massachusetts	324,550	425,700	750,250
Michigan	2,258,050	425,700	2,683,750
Minnesota	1,869,897	360,115	2,230,012
Mississippi	1,052,746	222,636	1,275,382
Missouri	1,610,505	425,700	2,036,205
Montana	1,936,679	141,900	2,078,579
Nebraska	1,109,713	141,900	1,251,613
Nevada	1,225,469	141,900	1,367,369
New Hampshire	324,550	141,900	466,450
New Jersey	324,550	425,700	750,250
New Mexico	1,515,150	141,900	1,657,050
New York	1,985,098	425,700	2,410,798
North Carolina	1,191,030	425,700	1,616,730
North Dakota	897,650	141,900	1,039,550
Ohio	1,339,398	425,700	1,765,098
Oklahoma	1,295,316	267,207	1,562,523
Oregon	1,692,766	232,530	1,925,296
Pennsylvania	2,918,427	425,700	3,344,127
Rhode Island	324,550	141,900	466,450
South Carolina	704,016	275,504	979,520
South Dakota	1,096,236	141,900	1,238,136
Tennessee	1,442,774	405,478	1,848,252
Texas	3,245,500	425,700	3,671,200
Utah	1,333,570	141,900	1,475,470
Vermont	324,550	141,900	466,450
Virginia	1,279,268	425,700	1,704,968
Washington	1,274,849	364,797	1,639,646
West Virginia	875,743	141,900	1,017,643
Wisconsin	1,986,735	415,599	2,402,334
Wyoming	1,345,167	141,900	1,487,067
Puerto Rico	324,550	---	324,550
Guam	108,183	---	108,183
Virgin Islands	108,183	---	108,183
American Samoa	108,183	---	108,183
No. Mariana Islands	108,183	---	108,183
Total	\$ 64,910,000	\$ 14,190,000	\$ 79,100,000